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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear President Obama,

I write to thank you for your swift approval of Governor Edwards' request for a federal emergency declaration for the State of Louisiana. Northwest Louisiana is still reeling from the effects of a storm that dumped over a foot of rain over a large area, causing historic flooding in many communities. Tragically, three people have perished and over 13,000 evacuations have occurred due to the flooding.

This storm has resulted in significant disruption to families and businesses and caused severe damages to private homes, infrastructure, and agricultural land. These vital federal resources targeted towards the Bossier, Claiborne, Grant, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, and Webster parishes will help supplement the significant state and local resources that have already been mobilized to provide support.

I look forward to working alongside the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in assisting Louisiana residents as together we repair and rebuild our homes and communities.

Sincerely,



John Fleming, M.D.
Member of Congress